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1. UN/OPI/PRESS SPOKESMAN DISTRIBUTED PRESS RELEASE ON WIRYAMU INQUIRY COMMISSION JUNE 28. SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT EVENTUAL REPORT WILL FOCUS ON ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMISSION, FIELD INVESTIGATION, AND DOCUMENTATION COLLECTED. IT WILL INCLUDE AN EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION TO FRELIMO. IN REPLY TO PRESS QUESTIONS, SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT REPORT WOULD ASSESS ROLE OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA IN "MASSACRES" AND ASK FOR BRITISH COMMENTS. COMMISSION REPORTEDLY DETERMINED THAT PORTUGUESE TROOPS ALSO HAD MASSACRED 250 PEOPLE FROM INHAMINGHA, MOZAMBIQUE, DURING MARCH 1974. "COMMISSION IS IMPRESSED THAT MASSACRES DID TAKE PLACE IN MOZAMBIQUE, BUT MUST EVALUATE EVIDENCE FURTHER". SPOKESMAN CONTINUED, IN EFFORT DETERMINE "WHETHER RESPONSIBILITY IS LOCAL OR AT HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT". HE CONCLUDED, "MISSION HAD NOT RECEIVED COOPERATION FROM GOP AND WOULD LIKE PORTUGAL TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING."
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2. QTE:

STATE BY SPOKESMAN FOR COMMISSION INQUIRY INTO REPORTED
MASSACRES IN MOZAMBIQUE

THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON THE WORK OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S
COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE REPORTED MASSACRES
IN MOZAMBIQUE WAS RECORDED THIS MORNING BY THE COMMISSION'S
SPOKESMAN FOR USE BY UNITED NATIONS RADIO THIS EVENING.
IT IS MADE AVAILABLE TO CORRESPONDENTS AND MAY BE FREELY
USED AT ANY TIME:

"THE COMMISSION HAS UNANIMOUSLY CONCLUDED THAT MASSACRES
HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE PORTUGUESE COLONY. WHILE THE ACTUAL
WORDING OF THE COMMISSION'S REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
STILL HAS TO BE DECIDED ON, THIS CONCLUSION WAS AGREED TO
BY THE FIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, COMING FROM FIVE GEO-
GRAPHICAL AREAS -- AFRICA, ASIA, LATIN AMERICA, EASTERN
EUROPE AND WESTERN EUROPE.

"HAVING DECIDED ON THE 'WHAT' -- THE FACT THE MASSACRES
TOOK PLACE -- THE COMMISSION NOW HAS TO EVALUATE THE
EVIDENCE FURTHER TO DECIDE ON THE 'WHO' AND THE 'WHY':
WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE KILLINGS? WHY DID THEY TAKE PLACE?
WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY LOCAL OR DOES IT REST AT THE HIGHEST
LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT? WERE THE MASSACRES RANDOM
EVENTS OR PART OF A PATTERN PERHAPS AIMED AT CREATING
WHAT HAS BEEN TERMED 'A ZONE OF DEATH' AROUND THE COROBA
BASSAD DAM SO AS TO CAUSE THE PEOPLE TO FLEE AND OPEN THE
AREA TO WHITE SETTLERS?

"THESE ARE BASIC QUESTIONS THE COMMISSION IS NOW SEEKING
TO ANSWER. UNFORTUNATELY IT HAS NOT RECEIVED THE REQUIRED
CO-OPERATION FROM PORTUGAL IN ITS EFFORTS. THIS
WILL NOT HOWEVER DETER THE COMMISSION, FOR AS THE CHAIRMAN,
MR. UPADHAYAY OF NEPAL, HAS SAID: 'THE COMMISSION'S WORK
WILL CONTINUE. WE WILL NOT BE DETERRED BY ANY POSSIBLE LACK
OF CO-OPERATION WE WILL UNVEIL THE TRUTH REGARDING THESE
MASSACRES; WE WILL CONTINUE TO STUDY WHERE RESPONSIBILITY
LIES.'"
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MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ARE:

SHAILENDRA KUMAR UPADHYAY (NEPAL) -- CHAIRMAN;

HEINZ-DIETER WINTER (GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC);

ROBERTO MARTINEZ ORDONEZ (HONDURAS);

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ARTLE GRAHL-MADSEN (NORWAY).

THE TENTATIVE SCHEDULING OF THE REPORT IS TO HAVE IT FINALIZED BY THE END OF AUGUST AND TO HAVE IT PUBLISHED AROUND MID-SEPTEMBER FOR PERUSAL BY DELEGATIONS TO THE NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION. UNQTE
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